



## **U.S. EPA ANNOUNCES THE FINAL PLAN TO CLEAN UP THE ATLANTIC WOOD INDUSTRIES SUPERFUND SITE**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Atlantic Wood Industries (AWI) Superfund Site in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia. The ROD describes in detail EPA's cleanup plans to address contamination found at the Site and is available for review in the Administrative Record. The major components of the cleanup include:

- Installation of a sealed sheet pile off-shore wall (or walls) in the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River;
- Dredging with the consolidation of dredged sediment mainly behind the sheet pile wall, creating new land;
- Excavation of dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) hot spots found on the west side of the AWI property with consolidation on the east side behind the sheet pile wall;
- Treatment of contaminated sediments consolidated immediately behind the sheet pile wall;
- A clean soil cover over the areas of contaminated soil, including land created by the consolidation of sediments;
- Monitoring of ground water;
- Creation of wetlands to replace lost wetlands due to sediment consolidation; and
- Institutional controls, which are actions (such as legal controls) that help minimize the potential for human exposure to contamination by ensuring appropriate land or resource use.

The estimated cost of the cleanup is \$45 million. Design work will begin this year.

### **Review the ROD**

Copies of the ROD and other Site-related documents are available in the Administrative Record, which is available on the Internet at:

**<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwm/super/sites/VAD990710410/index.htm>**

To view the ROD, select the "Administrative Record" link or the "on-line" link under "Administrative Record Locations." The documents are listed in order by date, and the ROD is dated December 21, 2007.

The following locations have computers that can be used to view documents:

- Portsmouth Public Library, 601 Court Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704
  - Chesapeake Library, 298 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23320
  - Kirn Memorial Library, 301 E. City Hall Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23501
  - EPA Region 3, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
- (Please call Anna Butch, 215-814-3157, to schedule an appointment.)

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